

**Our Distinguished Soldiers.**

Montgomery county numbers among its citizens many men whose services in the World War were so conspicuously brave as to win for them citations from their commanding officers. In looking over the war service records which have been received by the Montgomery County Historical Committee we note the following:

"Headquarters Ninth Infantry Brigade, December 31st, 1918. General Order No. 11. The following named soldier is cited in order for distinguished conduct in action. Private Lorenzo Gensell (2383-788). The above named man is recommended for bravery for excellent work in constructing telephone lines into Chery-le-Grand and maintaining same under constant bombardment during the period from November 1, 1918, to November 5th, 1918. On the night of November 1st, 1918, this man advanced into Chery-le-Grand with an assaulting company and although subjected to heavy enemy fire, both shell and machine gun, patrolled and repaired their line constantly, whereby communication was maintained with forward units. Their bravery contributed largely to the success of this engagement and subsequent exploitation of same.

"By command of Brigadier General Carter: Ray K. Chaffant, Major and Adjutant."

Private Charles Rosier Bodner, of Poolesville, Md., received an individual citation from General Pershing for bravery in action at Verdun, November 2, 1918. While a first-class private of the 312th Ambulance Company, he was hurried to the rear with two men who were slightly gassed. The man on the next bench Bodner was blown to bits by a shell, his own hat was blown in two places, the strap-out and his gas mask torn from his chest. When Bodner discovered that his ambulance would not work he hiked two miles to the supply tent to get the needed parts. Still the car would not run, so he walked back again to the supply tent and got another car, with which he hauled his own ambulance in. He was then recommended for the D. S. C.

"General Headquarters of the French Armies of the East, Personnel Bureau Order No. 12742 (Decorations). With the approbation of the Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, the Marshal of France, Commander-in-Chief of the French Armies of the East, cites in the Order of the Army Corps Second Lieutenant Louis D. Bell, 23 Regiment, Infantry. From October 3-9, 1918, near St. Eloi, in Artois, he displayed great courage in leading his men to the attack under violent machine gun and artillery fire and attained the objective assigned.

"At General Headquarters, January 5, 1919. The Marshal, Commander-in-Chief of the French Armies of the East, 'ETAT-MAJOR'."

First Lieutenant A. T. Prescott, Jr., Coast Artillery Corps, was one of the officers of the 3rd Battalion, 58th C. A. C., which received the following "November 11, 1918. Commanding General 107th Field Artillery Brigade has reported that the firing of your battalion on counter-battery work had the desired effect each time, and he is very grateful for your assistance. By command of Brigadier General Hawley, S. E. Reinhardt, Major F. A., Chief of Staff."

Among other heroes the following have won in war service records:

Private Elmer Carl Andrews, Darrentown; Private Raymond H. Andrews, Gaithersburg; 2nd Lieutenant Harry Spurgeon Beall, Rockville; Corporal James Herbert Beall, Darrentown; Private Leo Brooks, Poolesville; Private Charles Grover Dickson, Dickerson; Private Grover C. Butcher, Laytonville; Private Ervin Soutan Batt, Potomac; Private Correll Leonard Butts, Gaithersburg; Corporal Roger Carlisle Gaithersburg; Private Maxwell L. Cecil, Barnesville; Sergeant Maurice Hensberger Chiswell, Dickerson; Private Charles Conners, Travilah; Private Ayler Willis Gensell, Dickerson; Private Edward Summerfield Crawford, Darrentown; Private John B. Cross, Darrentown; 2nd Lieutenant Marshall Eugene Darby, Barnesville; Lieutenant-Colonel Edwin Darby, Barnesville; Private Ray Davis, Sellman; Lieutenant (J. G.) Lawrence Almont Dawson, Rockville; Private William Joseph Esworthy, Darrentown; Private John T. Fletcher, Poolesville; Sergeant Wallace Peter Gattner, Darrentown; Private William Armstrong Gansaway, Travilah; Sergeant Marshall E. Golden, Gaithersburg; Corporal Richard Gott, Poolesville; Yeoman Gustavus Robert Gray, Poolesville; Private John T. Gilman, Darrentown; Private Samuel Merkle Hansen, Laytonville; Private Simon Josef Hansen, Laytonville; Engineer Alfred Harris, Dickerson; Corporal Lawrence Dale Hays, Barnesville; Seaman Robert Whitney Houghton, Poolesville; Private Charles Edwin Higgins, Laytonville; Private Thomas Warfield Higgins, Laytonville; Corporal Edgar James Hildebrand, Comm.; Lieutenant Eugene DeBate Jarboe, Poolesville; 1st Lieutenant Edmund Lydane Jones, Rockville; Private Doyle Jennings Lowery, Darrentown; 1st Lieutenant Clarence Oliver Luhn, Poolesville; Private Jesse Bryan Magruder, Potomac; Private Samuel Herbert Mubley, Quince Orchard; Private James S. Moulton, Rockville; Corporal Dunbar Demas Padgett, Dickerson; Ensign Robert Peter, Rockville; Private Henry Clyde Plummer, Laytonville; Private Robert L. Plummer, Laytonville; Seaman Charles Wilbur Poole, Poolesville; 1st Lieutenant Edward Steedman Prescott, Rockville; Private Joseph Redman, Dickerson; Corporal Walter Franklin Reinhardt, Gaithersburg; Sergeant Ernest Clayton Ricketta, Darrentown; Seaman Francis Guy Rindlen, Laytonville; Private Paul Robinson, Dickerson; 1st Lieutenant Edele Smith, Rockville; Private Harold Calmes Smith, Rockville; Private John William Taylor, Sellman; Sergeant Edgar D. Thompson, Rockville; Private Albert Lee Thresher, Travilah; Private William Thomas Thresher, Travilah; Private Clarence Andrew Trull, Sellman; Radio-electrician Otto Clark Truesdell, Gaithersburg; Private Franklin Carroll Walker, Gaithersburg; Private F. Victor Ward, Barnesville; Sergeant Norman Watson, Travilah; Corporal Henry Gensell White, Barnesville; Sergeant Carroll V. Wiley, Gaithersburg; Capt. Frank T. Williams, Poolesville; Hospital Apprentice Henry Ralph Williams, Poolesville; Sergeant Pinkney White, Dickerson.

Also the following colored men:

Private Spencer E. Chagitt, Laytonville; James Franklin Coleman, Poolesville; Clarence Henry Davis, Jr., Poolesville; Danmer Demas, Laytonville; Robert O. Dige, Laytonville; Maynard Thomas Dorsey, Sellman; Lemuel Wellington Gephart, Martinsburg; Samuel A. Goss, Darrentown; Lawrence Hamilton, Sellman; John H. Howard, Laytonville; Charles Fennie Joffe, Rockville; John Johnson, Barnesville; George William Jones,